

In the U.S., tens of thousands of ships each year make over 50,000 calls on U.S. ports. These ships carry the bulk of the approximately two billion tons of freight, three billion tons of oil transports, and 134 million passengers by ferry each year.

The volume of traffic gives terrorists opportunities to smuggle themselves or their weapons into the United States with little risk of detection. According to a report by the Council on Foreign Relations, in May 2002 there were reports that twenty-five Islamist extremists entered the United States by hiding in shipping containers.

This highlights the need for an immediate legislative solution to counter this problem. However, it is difficult to come up with an effective solution without first knowing all of the potential dangers.

That is why I am introducing the Gauging American Port Security (GAPS) Act. The GAPS Act addresses these problems by requiring that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) report to Congress on the current weaknesses and vulnerabilities of U.S. ports and ensures that DHS develops a comprehensive plan for addressing them. Only by focusing on the specific dangers that threaten our port security, can we develop effective solutions to ensure our nation is prepared for any and all types of attacks.

KEN KRANZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ken Kranz for receiving the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce Charlie O'Brien Award.

This award goes to a member who is well respected within his or her organization and is motivated by an unselfish desire to contribute to the community for the betterment of greater Golden.

Ken Kranz fell in love with Golden while conducting a bank transaction with Wells Fargo. After moving to Golden, Ken met with the Greater Golden Chamber to find out where his talents were needed. His talents were put to use that very day and has continued to today.

Ken has been President of Leadership Golden Alumni Association, Chairman and current member of Citizens Budget Advisory Committee for the City of Golden, President of the Golden Visitors Center Board of Trustees, member of the Golden Fine Arts Festival Committee and responsible for logistics coordination. Ken is also a member of the Board of Directors, current member of the Rotary Club of Golden and volunteer at the National Western Stock Show.

Ken retired from banking after 30 years of service to the Wells Fargo Corporation and Wells Fargo Bank.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ken Kranz for this well deserved recognition by the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce. Thank you for your dedication to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MAYOR GREGORIO ACOSTA
CALVO

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Gregorio Acosta Calvo, the former Mayor of Tamuning-Tumon, Guam. Mayor Calvo passed away on February 2, 2012 at the age of 87.

Gregorio Acosta Calvo was born on November 9, 1924 in Hagåtña, Guam and is the son of Gregorio Leon Guerrero Calvo and Maria Acosta Calvo. In 1960, he was elected Assistant Commissioner of Tamuning-Tumon and served in that role until 1965. In 1965, the Government of Guam changed the title of the position from Commissioner to Mayor. In 1965, Mr. Calvo was elected Mayor of Tamuning-Tumon and served in this capacity until his retirement on January 14, 1985.

Mayor Calvo began working for the Government of Guam in 1952, where he served as Chairman for Parks and Recreation within the Department of Public Works. During his time at Public Works, Mr. Calvo was instrumental in organizing summer programs for teens. He continued this passion for helping the island's youth during his term as Mayor, where he organized sporting events for baseball and basketball.

Mayor Calvo was strongly involved in the introduction of Little League baseball on Guam. From the early 1950s to the official national chartering of the Little League in 1967, Mayor Calvo was a leading supporter for the development of the sport for our island's youth. In 1983, he proposed to split the Little League Far East region into the Asia region and the Pacific region, in order to give the smaller Pacific nations an opportunity to compete in the Little League World Series. In 2000, the proposal was passed and since then Guam has sent teams to compete in the Little League World Series.

Mayor Calvo was also a strong advocate for the preservation of the Chamorro culture. In 1992, he became a member of the board of the Chamorro Heritage Foundation, a non-profit organization with the mission of preserving, developing, and enhancing the Chamorro culture and heritage of the people of Guam. Mayor Calvo is also a survivor of the Japanese occupation of Guam during World War II. As a teen, he endured forced labor at the hands of Japanese forces and was tasked with digging caves in the northern village of Yigo.

Mayor Calvo married Felisidad Salas Calvo in 1946 and together they raised 13 children, and have been blessed with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

I join our community in mourning the loss of Mayor Gregorio Acosta Calvo. His contributions to our community, especially our island's youth, will be remembered by the many citizens he helped throughout his life. On behalf of the people of Guam, I extend my heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and loved ones. God bless Mayor Calvo. He will be missed.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS OF UNITED WAY OF
MCLEAN COUNTY ILLINOIS

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievement of the United Way of McLean County. The United Way provides funding for 27 agencies that operate a total of 45 local programs to help assist the homeless, people with developmental disabilities, and families in crisis.

The United Way, with the help of citizens and businesses throughout McLean County, raised over \$4.3 million during its latest fundraising period.

This money was raised in part by a community that has always valued self reliance and over the years has come together in times of hardship to meet common goals and to assist its own citizens. The great people of McLean County are proof that we do not need to rely on the government to take care of every problem.

I would like to also thank State Farm and all of their employees. Together, they donated a total of \$1.9 million to the cause of the United Way. This includes \$99,000 that State Farm donated before the close of fundraising to make sure the United Way exceeded its goal of \$4.3 million. State Farm's continued relationship with the McLean County community is another illustration of the benefits that accompany accepting and promoting private businesses in your local area.

The United Way is an asset to McLean county, and I pray for their continued success and assistance in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO JAN SANDERS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent, Jan Sanders, a longtime activist, community leader, and cherished friend who is being honored by the League of Women Voters of Dallas Education Fund as the 2012 recipient of the Susan B. Anthony Award on February 10, 2012. I can think of no one more appropriate to receive this award. Throughout her life, Jan has exhibited tireless activism and a relentless pursuit of justice, equality and peace.

Jan has served numerous organizations that provide community development and services for local congregations, schools, and community organizations. Jan Sanders is a longtime member of the League of Women Voters, and is dedicated to outreach initiatives on voter registrations, especially those that involve high school students and new citizens. Jan taught 5th grade in the DISD, and also spent a year teaching government at SMU. She has taught many workshops to improve the public's understanding of the role of government and the responsibilities of citizenship. She has served many years as an Election Judge and created a training curriculum for poll workers, poll